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SUBJECT: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE'S STATEMENT BEFORE
CONGRESS REGARDING PHASE-OUT OF U.S. MILITARY MISSION
TO LIBERIA

REF: MONROVIA 1846

1. ACCORDING TO THE USIS AFRICA FILE APRIL 1, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS TALCOTT SEELYE IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE "RECENTLY" STATED THAT "SMALLER AMOUNTS OF FMS CREDIT HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR CAMEROON, GABON AND LIBERIA TO SUPPORT EFFORTS OF THESE MODERATE WEST AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO MEET THREATS GENERATED BY SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA AND, IN THE CASE OF LIBERIA, TO UPGRADE ITS ARMED FORCES IN FACE OF THE PHASE-OUT OF THE U.S. MILITARY MISSION THERE IN 1980".

2. PRESIDENT TOLBERT, THROUGH DEFENSE MINISTER GREAVES, ASKED THIS EMBASSY APRIL 6 OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE USIS REPORT. I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE NATURE OF ANY DECISIONS TAKEN REGARDING THE "PHASE-OUT" OF THE U.S. MILITARY MISSION TO LIBERIA BY 1980. AS DEPARTMENT
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AWARE BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF MARCH 10, 1977 THE GOL CONCLUDED AN EXCHANGE OF A SERIES OF NOTES WITH THIS EMBASSY THE RESULT OF WHICH IS THE RENEWAL (WITH NON-SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS) OF THE U.S. MILITARY MISSION AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 11, 1975 FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX YEARS (REFTEL).

3. THE RENEWAL OF MILMISS AGREEMENT CAME ONLY AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S INTERVENTION WITH THE BUREAUCRACY (WHICH WAS SEEKING SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO USG) FOLLOWING MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS TO HIM TO RESOLVE THE MATTER EXPEDITIOUSLY. AN OFFICIAL USG STATEMENT OF A PHASE-OUT (OF WHICH I HAD NOT BEEN ADVISED) PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TREATY IS OF COURSE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO ME. MINISTER GREAVES IS SEEKING MEETING WITH ME TO DISCUSS SUBJECT STATEMENT AND TO SEEK CLARIFICATION. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE ASAP.
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